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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Administration
Office of the Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Insurance of Agent Property

REFERENCE : Memo to COP/DDP fr C/FI dtd 27 Oct 53, subj:
"CIA Interest in Insuring the Personal or
Real Property of Agents Used in Covert Operations."

1. I have reviewed the staff study indicated in the above reference and, for reasons given in the study, concur that the subject can be made one of inquiry. I agree that, where Agency interests are not fully protected, the owner of property which is necessary to an operation should be strongly urged to insure it and that, in situations where this is not possible, field stations should be authorized, in deserving individual cases, to request authority to reimburse the agent for a proper portion of his expenses in this connection. Generally, it would seem that situations in which the Agency's paramount operational interest would be jeopardized by a lack of insurance are infrequent. However, in such cases it would be entirely proper for official funds to be used to provide the necessary coverage.

2. The referenced staff study does not explore sufficiently the question of the criteria that determine whether reimbursement should or should not be made. However, it does propose that an instruction be developed on the over-all subject. Therefore, I believe the instruction should contain appropriate criteria and procedures for obtaining approval of reimbursement in each specific case. The appropriate administrative offices are available to assist you in developing such an instruction.

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